Listing and Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

    1.   (Previously Presented) Conditional access system decoder comprising:

-    at least one device intended to read and/or to write data from/to a detachable security element supplied by a service provider;

-    filters intended to select at least one message for managing entitlements which a user possesses with regard to a service supplied by said provider from among a data stream received;

wherein it comprises:

    means for selecting an entitlement management message intended for a detachable security element when said security element is not inserted in the decoder; and

    means for storing said entitlement management message.

    2.   (Currently Amended) Decoder according to Claim 1, furthermore comprising:

-    an access control module capable of:

a)   receiving an identification parameter contained in a security element inserted into said decoder;

b)   installing a filter configuration as a function of the identification parameter received in such a way as to select an entitlement management message intended for said inserted security element; and

c)   transmitting said <u>entitlement management</u> message to said inserted security element;

wherein it comprises:

-    a module for storing entitlements capable of:

i)   storing said configuration of filters which is installed by the access control module;

ii)   reinstalling, following the erasure of the configuration of filters consequent upon the removal of said security element, the stored configuration of

filters which is appropriate to said security element, in such a way as to select an entitlement management message intended for said security element when the latter is removed; and

      iii)   storing said <u>entitlement management</u> message in a memory of said decoder.

     3.   (Previously Presented) Decoder according to Claim 2, in which the module for storing entitlements is furthermore capable of:

      iv)   detecting the insertion of a security element into said decoder;

      v)   verifying whether an entitlement management message intended for said inserted security element is stored in the memory of the decoder; and

      vi)   should verification be positive, transmitting said stored message to said inserted security element.

     4.   (Currently Amended) Decoder according to Claim 3, in which the module for storing entitlements ~~detects~~ <u>is able to detect</u> the insertion of a security element into the decoder by recording any new installing of configuration of filters by the access control module.

     5.   (Previously Presented) Decoder according to Claim 1, in which the detachable security element is a smart card.

     6.   (Previously Presented) Decoder according to Claim 5, in which the identification parameter contained in the security element is the address of the smart card.

     7.   (Currently Amended) Method of processing a message for managing entitlements which a user possesses with regard to a service, said method comprising the steps consisting in:

-     ~~inserting~~ <u>receiving</u> a detachable security element <u>inserted</u> into a decoder;

-     recovering from said security element an identification parameter;

- installing a configuration of filter of the decoder as a function of said identification parameter in such a way as to select an entitlement management message intended for said inserted security element;

- transmitting said <u>entitlement management</u> message to said inserted security element, wherein the step of installing the configuration of filter which is appropriate to said security element is followed by a step of storing said configuration <s>and in that</s> <u>wherein</u>, when said security element is removed from the decoder, causing the erasure of said configuration of filters, the configuration of filters which is appropriate to the removed security element is reinstalled on the basis of the configuration stored during the storage step in such a way as to select an entitlement management message intended for said removed security element.

8.   (Previously Presented) Method according to Claim 7, wherein it comprises an additional step consisting in storing in a memory of the decoder said entitlement management message intended for said removed security element when such a message is selected.

9.   (Currently Amended) Method according to Claim 8, wherein it furthermore comprises the steps consisting in:

- <s>reinserting</s> <u>receiving</u> said security element <u>inserted</u> into the decoder;

- verifying whether an entitlement management message intended for said inserted security element is stored in the memory of the decoder; and

- should verification be positive, transferring the stored <u>entitlement management</u> message to said inserted security element.